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SUBJECT: OECD/MTC QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING COMPETITION  
FROM STATE TRADING COUNTRIES; DAF/MTC/78.42

REF: STATE 92600 (APR 25, 1977), STATE 193407

1. MISSION REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
TO WOLFGANG HUBNER, OECD MTD SECRETARIAT IN RESPONSE TO  
REQUEST SET FORTH IN ABOVE CAPTIONED DOCUMENT.

2. PLEASE INFORM HUBNER THAT USG HAS PREVIOUSLY RESPONDED  
TO ANNEX I IN OUR REPORT CONCERNING RECENT US/USSR MARI-  
TIME DISCUSSIONS.

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3. IN REGARD TO ANNEX II, (LIST OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO  
DIFFICULTIES POSED BY SOVIET SHIPPING COMPETITION), THERE  
HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES SINCE OUR PREVIOUS RESPONSE CONTAINED  
IN STATE 92600 DATED APRIL 25, 1977, EXCEPT FOR QUESTIONS  
9 AND 10.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 9, MR. HUBNER MAY BE INFORMED THAT THE "CONTROLLED CARRIER BILL" (H.R. 9998), HAS PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY A SUBSTANTIAL MARGIN AND THAT WE ARE AWAITING ACTION IN THE SENATE (SEE STATE 193407). USDEL TO MTC IN OCTOBER WILL UPDATE THE COMMITTEE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 10, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO HUBNER AS THE USG RESPONSE. QUOTE: UPON A COMPLAINT FILED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS (AIMU) WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 301(A) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, DETERMINED ON JUNE 9, 1978, THAT PRACTICES OF THE USSR WITH RESPECT TO MARINE INSURANCE OF US/USSR BILATERAL CARGOES CONSTITUTED AN UNREASONABLE BURDEN AND RESTRICTION ON U.S. COMMERCE. AIMU HAD COMPLAINED THAT THE USSR REQUIRES VIRTUALLY ALL INSURANCE IN THE US/USSR BILATERAL TRADE TO BE PLACED WITH INGOSSTRACH, THE SOVIET STATE INSURANCE MONOPOLY, THUS EXCLUDING U.S. MARINE CARGO UNDERWRITERS FROM PARTICIPATION IN THAT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY. POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR PERSUADING THE SOVIETS TO PERMIT GREATER U.S. PARTICIPATION IN WRITING MARINE CARGO INSURANCE ARE NOW UNDER STUDY BY AN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE IN THE U.S. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIETS HAVE INITIATED A RESUMPTION OF GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT AND THE TWO SIDES WILL MEET IN LATE OCTOBER. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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